

Water Rats Parents Club

Board Meeting

Thursday, November 2, 2006

7:18 p.m.

Attendees: Bonnie Strittmatter, Bill Loftus, Stephanie Belleveau, Cheryl Smiley, Susie Byrne, Chuck Katter, Barbara Wiederecht, Bridget Lambo, David Blansfield, Holly Mesavage, Ellen Johnston, Pam Koss, Jeanne Bowles, Bill Krumm & Drummond Grinalds.

Convening of the Meeting

The meeting of the Water Rats Parents' Club convened on November 2nd, 2006 in the Board Room of the Westport Weston Family Y at 7:18 pm. Co-President Bill Loftus presided over the meeting.

The minutes for the October 9, 2006 Water Rats Parents' Club Board meeting were reviewed. The motion to approve the minutes was passed.

Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report

Budget Variance

Year-to-date profit is ahead of budget by \$9134, primarily due to higher than expected Pet Wrat Fees (\$3584) and collection of Volunteer Non-Compliance Fees (\$4113). Additionally, we recorded \$1186 in unplanned fundraising receipts from the Y-Nats car wash, officials expenses were \$1100 lower than budget equipment purchase and repair expenses were \$800 lower than budget and expenditures for awards were \$900 lower than budget. Freestyle Frenzy swimmer fees have not yet been recorded, but concession and program sales were well ahead of plan and we expect that the meet profit performance will be ahead of plan, as well, when receipts are finalized.

Cash Flow

Cash balance was \$108,258 at the end of October. Significant receipts included \$16,900 for coupon sales, \$4050 for Pet Wrat Fees and \$1558 for concession and program sales at the Freestyle Frenzy. Significant disbursements include \$9500 for the purchase of coupons, \$1620 for the payment of CSI registration fees, \$1284 for the purchase of WRAT T-Shirts for fundraising sales and \$933 for coaches travel expenditures.

We still have non-compliance fees outstanding.

Two people still have not paid Pet Wrat - Chang and Stevens.

Have a check from photography people for Pentathalon. This should be included in the meet manager book.

USA Swimming Report

100% account payments - all families have paid. Account balance of 11/2/06: \$61,622.97.

Pet WRAT Report

Stephanie said 58 families have not signed up for accounts. Pretty soon an email reminder will be sent out. Another website software update has posted.

Coaches' Report

The Session 2 practice schedule begins on November 27th.

The annual Blue/Red meet will be held on Tuesday, November 7th. This is a fun relay event. Each swimmer will receive a red or blue cap for participating. The coaches will race the swimmers and parents will race their child in the challenge relays.

Members of the team and their families will attend the CSI awards banquet on Nov. 5th. 47 swimmers and their parents and coaches were invited. Swimmers from CT that finished as the top 16 in their individual events qualified to attend the annual event along with all Scholar Athlete selections.

Motivational and championship time standards have been finalized. All USA standards are available on USA & CT Swimming's websites which are linked to our website. The YMCA New England link has standards for the Y NE Championships. The YMCA National link has standards for Y National Championships

Our senior girls that are competing for their high school start the state championship round next weekend with divisional championship trials and finals. The H.S. season ends with the State Open Championship on Sat 11/18 at Yale.

The team hosted the Freestyle Frenzy meet last weekend. The meet was about the same size as last year with 433 athletes entered. Kudos to Christine Gannon for being this year's meet manager. We had medals for the top 6 in each individual event and pens for the heat winners. Don't ask about the pencils.

We will host the 9-12 (age group) portion of the annual GYWD Dual Meet on Tuesday, November 21st. Volunteer opportunities will be posted on the website.

The last team apparel order form is posted on the website. The deadline to submit the order form is November 15th, in time to get orders in for the holidays.

The 8/under Parents meeting was held on October 25th and the agenda from the meeting will be posted on the 8/under News on the website. Age Group Team Meetings are tentatively scheduled for Nov. 30 (ADV) and Dec. 6 (JR/INT). We will hold these meetings at Parish Hall at Christ & Holy Trinity. We are waiting for confirmation that the rooms are available.

Our scoreboard computer crashed right before the Freestyle Frenzy. The board voted to purchase a new computer and to repair the old one to serve as a spare.

Co-Presidents' Report

Mahackeno - Bonnie discussed Mahackeno. Shirts are available. Next Wed., Nov. 8th at 7pm is second visit with the Conservation Commission. Not clear if there will be opportunity for public comment. Some folks should be available to speak. November 7th is the walk through on the property. Public are welcome to both but there may not be an opportunity to speak. David made the point that PR needs to be stronger.....strategy has been too reactive.

Some coordination was discussed.

Calling - Signups for personal calls were accomplished.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on December 7th, 2006.